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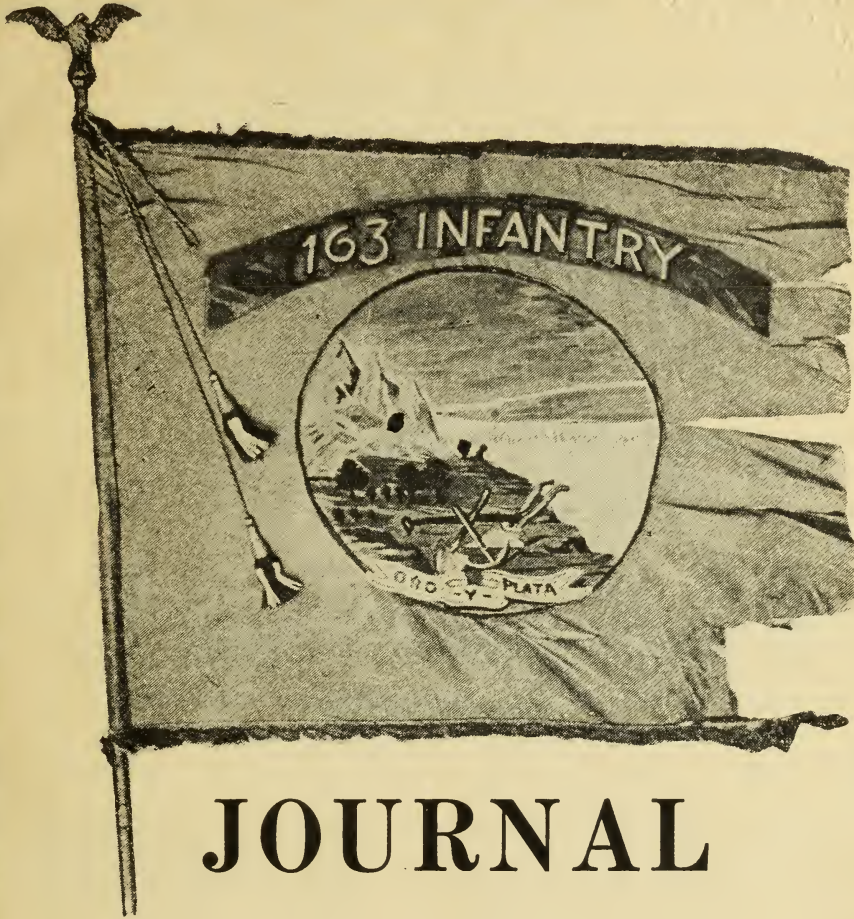
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163RD INFANTRY CAMP AND CAMPSITE

We are pleased to have this opportunity to extend our congratulations and good wishes to the officers and men of the 163rd Infantry. The reorganization of the regiment after the World War under the provisions of the National Defense Act, is a distinct advantage to the State of Montana and to the United States.

The 163rd Infantry is fortunate to have a past history of achievement as a definite ideal of service. We are glad and proud to know that there are so many hundreds of young men in this state who are unselfishly willing to assume the responsibility of service to Montana and to the Nation. We honor you for it.

When in Helena for your annual encampment and training period, it has been our very sincere pleasure to serve you. And in the years to come, you may depend that we shall always provide of our best for the 163rd Infantry.

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It has been our privilege for the past several years to supply with soft drinks the camp canteen of the 163rd Infantry during the regiment's annual training period at the Fort.

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The 163rd Infantry

Presenting the Journal

The 163rd Infantry is organized, equipped and is being trained under the provisions of the National Defense Act, passed by Congress in 1916 and amended in 1920 and again in 1924 to incorporate in its provisions the lessons taught by the World War. This regiment is a part of the first line of defense of the United States. The Regular Army and the National Guard will form the first line to meet an invasion of this country.

The advantage of a National Guard organization to the State and to the Nation has been amply demonstrated by the critical periods of the past history of Montana and of the United States. Long before the World War, pacifists decried the training of the young men of the country in the profession of arms, waxed eloquent on the utter lack of necessity of such training in the face of the high standard of civilization attained by the world. Yet when the clouds of war came hovering over our Nation, perhaps even the pacifists were glad that there existed as large a body of trained men as the National Guard, unselfishly patriotic enough to have given of their time and their effort, without remuneration and without glory and in spite of opposition, to fit themselves to efficiently defend this Nation and its institutions.

Thinking men of the State and Nation feel that the National Guard justifies its existence without giving any consideration to its preparation for defense. They feel that its greatest service, perhaps, lies in its successful teaching of practical patriotism, mental discipline and in the value of the physical development it provides for the young men of the Nation.

We are proud of our organization; proud of its past achievements; firm in our confidence that should the State or the Nation be confronted with a crisis, the 163rd Infantry will be competently prepared to meet it; above all, proud that there are so many young men imbued with the desire to serve unselfishly, with bodies and souls consecrated to the advancement of the institutions of our Government and to their defense against all enemies.

ERASTUS H. WILLIAMS,
Col. 163rd Infantry, Commanding.

This publication is offered to the regiment in the hope that it will serve the purpose of being a point of common contact for the various units; that it will have a tendency to promote the advancement of its common interests; that it may become a forum for the exchange of ideas for the betterment of its service to the State and to the Nation.

It is the aim of the Journal to publish all of the news of interest to the units of the Regiment. To accomplish this it will be necessary to have the active co-operation of the members of the entire organization. Please remember that this is YOUR publication and give us your assistance in making it interesting and instructive. Constructive criticism will be welcomed at all times.

Perhaps it is pertinent here to mention the habit of many to speak of the "old 163rd" and the "new 163rd." This expressed but inaccurate distinction will be combated by the Journal. The proud history of previous military organizations of this state is yours to perpetuate. The 163rd has a background of unselfish and efficient service to the State and the Nation. Your predecessors were actuated by the same ideals of service which prompted you to enlist. Their achievements are your heritage.

Yours is the privilege of "carrying on"; yours the strength and youth necessary to assume the duties, reluctantly relinquished by those of us whose years have begun to exact their inexorable toll. All that we can do is to lend you such assistance as lies within our power to give. And we know that our confidence in your ability to bring further honor to the 163rd Infantry is not misplaced.

COL. McGUINNESS GIVES GOOD ADVICE

Upon the first issue of the new publication dedicated to the interests of the 163rd Infantry, as its first colonel, the undersigned has been requested to say a few words to its officers and men.

To be a commissioned officer or enlisted man in the 163rd Infantry and to follow

in the footsteps of the officers and men composing it in 1917 who went overseas, is a heritage of which its present members may be proud. They were a magnificent body of men, earning encomiums upon their appearance, drill, discipline and ability wherever they went.

You young men of today in that organization have had a splendid example set for you. Emulate that example. Be proud of the fact that you are privileged to wear the uniform of the United States; never at any time, whether at your home station or any other place, appear other than neat and clean; never permit yourselves to appear to be sloppy; do not appear in public with your buttons open on your blouses, your caps upon the back of your heads; your hands in your pockets; shoes dirty; leggings loose, or parts of uniform missing. Be fine, upstanding, well set-up men.

Remember always when in uniform that you are representing the armed forces of the United States; show you are proud of that fact, and at all times hold up your heads and thus, in effect, say to the world "I am a soldier."

Your predecessors have a pride in you. They had a silver cup made and given to you, which has been in the hands of your colonel for a couple of years, to be awarded to the company making the best showing according to the rules presented with it. You are the men to whom we older men look to keep up the prestige of the wartime organization.

JOHN J. MCGUINNESS,
Wartime Colonel, 163rd Inf., A. E. F.

GREETINGS FROM MAJOR THOMAS TO REGIMENT

As this the first issue of the magazine of the 163rd Infantry makes its bow to the regiment, a cordial greeting is extended to the regiment and its friends, with sincerest best wishes for the future success of the magazine. You who subscribe for the magazine and the business men of your community who use it to advertise their wares, will determine the degree of success which the magazine attains. A successful magazine will perpetuate the memories of comradeship, and the history of a regiment with an enviable record. If you, the members of the regiment, your families and friends, receive it, read it, and use it in the spirit in which it is published, you will find it interesting, entertaining and instructive. It will afford a medium through which you can exchange views with other members. It will give you an opportunity of

learning what the other fellow is thinking and doing. Through it your neighbors can learn what the National Guard really is, what its duties are, what its value is to the community, actual and potential. Most of your neighbors have no idea that the actual financial value of the company to the community runs into thousands of dollars each year. As conditions are now, most of you see each other or get together only once a year and that is during the annual encampment. During the remaining fifty weeks of the year you are practically "on your own." Through your magazine you can get together and talk over your problems, remembering that your pet problem is often the other fellow's pet problem. When you have something that you consider very good, whether it be some particular phase of training, administrative work or anything else of value to the regiment, write it and send it in for publication. Write articles that will interest your community, let them know the history and record of your regiment, tell them what you are doing and why. Remember that the publishers can do no more than dress up the magazine in attractive form and publish it; its final success lies entirely with you and your friends. And in working for the success of your magazine do not forget the business men of your community who advertise in your magazine. Show that you appreciate their support by exercising a little reciprocity.

JOS. C. THOMAS,
Major, Inf. (Dol). Instructor.

BOYD OF WHITEHALL TO TAKE WEST POINT EXAM.

Fred H. Boyd, a member of the 1st Battalion Headquarters Company of Whitehall, made the highest grade of all of the enlisted men taking the competitive examination conducted by the Adjutant General in November of 1929, to select a member of the 163rd Infantry to take the examination for entrance to West Point.

The competitive examination for West Point is scheduled for March 15th of this year at Fort Missoula. Boyd's comrades are confident that he will "make the grade" with distinction to himself and honor to his organization.

FIRST ISSUE DEADLINE MISSED BY SEVERAL COS.

Several of the units failed to make the "deadline" for the first issue of the Journal, but they will be mighty well represented in succeeding issues.

The editor wishes to take this opportunity to express his appreciation of the fine spirit of cooperation evidenced by all of the units in the regiment.

COL. SHERIDAN IS BOTH POET AND SOLDIER

Lt. Col. Charles Sheridan's contribution to the first issue of the Journal failed to make the "dead line." However, we are reprinting below a poem by Colonel Sheridan which appeared in the Wisconsin National Guard Review, and which was written by him for the Infantry School News at Fort Benning, while taking the course there.

THE INFANTRY

Staggering up 'neath the galling pack
Up through the leagues of night and rain,

Twisted and torn on the battle rack
Dun brown waves on the sea of pain.

Hungry and weary and dead for sleep
Thru the endless night to the fiery day
Past gas filled woods, up the flaming steep,

Thus does the Infantry lead the way.

Bayonets bright in the farthest fight,
Flash out the call of the Infantry
We follow the flag, be she wrong or right
All of the others follow me.

Follow me, shout the Infantry
Pushing on thru the tangled wire,
Cavalry, Tanks and Artillery
Follow me in the battle fire.

All of the others pave the way,
Making our going as light as they can,
But none but the doughboy in the fray
E'er meets his enemy man to man.

The Infantry, the Infantry,
What is there that alarms
Shout out our slogan "Follow me"
We blaze the way for the other arms.

ARMY FLIERS ATTEND CO. "A" DRILL MONDAY (Reprinted from Clipping)

The crew of the big Douglas army transport plane, which is parked at the landing field here awaiting a repair from the factory, comprising Lt. E. R. French, commanding, Lt. D. O. Lowry, Sgt. H. A. Lovvorn and Sgt. W. Rose, were distinguished visitors at the regular drill of Co. "A," local National Guard unit, at Legion Hall Monday night.

Lt. Lowry gave a talk to the Guard members on the duties of the air service, explaining the four different branches that

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The Service Transit Co.

is pleased to join in welcoming the 163rd Infantry to its annual encampment and training period in Helena.

We assure the officers and men of the organization that we shall endeavor to give them this year the same standard of service that we have in the past.



Service Transit Company

NEWS NOTES FROM THE UNITS

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS CO., HELENA, MONTANA

The first call for drill after the summer vacation was sounded on October 23 and a fine turnout greeted the new company commander. After everyone had renewed their acquaintanceship and had recounted how the time was spent during the summer and the brown derby had been awarded to the fellow that caught the biggest fish, all hands turned to and fell into harness once more and found that squads east certainly did not turn to the left.

Major Rolfe, Commander of the Arctic Air Patrol, has nothing on this command when it comes to fighting frigid temperatures—boy but that barn of an armory do get cold. We are in favor of an issue of buffalo coats and steam heated ear muffs.

This company has indeed been very fortunate in having Lieutenant Roy B. Arnold assigned to it for duty. Many of the old timers will recall his smiling geniality as a member of "B Company" of the "Glorious Old 163rd."

We all rejoice in having with us once more the genial, happy-go-lucky Regimental Sergeant Major Ritchey. Ed has been taking the rest cure? in the Veterans' Hospital in Denver for the past three months. They carved him up some and he sure went through the mill, but as we say in the service—he must have been too ornery to die.

Master Sergeant Roche left on the fifth to attend the course in communications given at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He expects to absorb a lot of "learnin'" and promises to keep us posted regarding his progress. We feel sure that he will make good and are positive that he will certainly be wiser upon his return—especially about such little things as graybacks, natives, chiggers, Georgia Crackers and last but not the least—chained lightning.

SERVICE COMPANY NOTES BOZEMAN, MONTANA

LT. L. E. TRUE, Correspondent

The 163rd Regimental Band, a unit of the Service Company, formally opened Farm and Home Week at Montana State College with a concert at the Emerson Auditorium Monday evening, February 3. The concert was used to welcome officially agricultural leaders and farmers of the state to this week's program.

Another recent activity of the Regimental Band was to open the district convention of the American Legion held in Bozeman January 30 and 31 with headquarters at the Baxter hotel.

Recent promotions among the enlisted personnel of this company were:

Staff Sergeant Earl Walton was promoted to Master Sergeant.

Sergeant Stewart K. Wagner was promoted to Staff Sergeant.

Corporal Arthur W. Buckley was promoted to Sergeant.

Private 1st Class James W. Moore was promoted to Corporal.

DAVID F. DeLAP,
Capt., 163rd Inf., Commanding.

COMPANY M, CHINOOK, MONTANA

Considerable interest has been aroused in the community as well as among the members of our company in a competitive shoot that is being held during this quarter. The members of the organization have been divided into two groups, each group firing at least once a week. The total score of each group is recorded and at the end of the contest the group having the highest score will be the guests at a turkey "feed" given by the losing side. In order to keep in the running it is necessary to have as many men present as possible and as a result our attendance at drills has improved.

Some individuals not members of the company have expressed a desire to shoot against some of our best shots but to date Lieutenant Granger, who is fostering this contest, has not decided on definite plans for such a contest. We advise those who are especially interested to enlist, or "re-up for another hitch in the old outfit," and get in the fun with the rest of us.

Please send us forty copies of the first issue of our "Journal," and we will then enter our subscription list. We hope for the success of our publication and we intend to do our bit to help put it over.

By the time the second issue of our paper goes to press we will have selected a real correspondent. In the meantime we will put it this way: "Corporal of the Guard! Edition No. 1, Relief."

Proofreader, A-10-shun! Explain to the linotype that he is not to include all the dots and dashes as well as the "as you weres" you have found in our notes. Like good Scotch that falls into the hands of a Scotchman, we will improve with age.

HOT NEWS FROM COMPANY F, KALISPELL, MONTANA

By SERGEANT ROGER SHERMAN

Capt. Carl E. Anderson is again taking life a little easier after having been "up in the air" about the Army fliers. He says his office and residence phone was "hot" from hundreds of anxious citizens calling on him for information as to when the Army birds would get to Kalispell. Captain Anderson was ordered by Adjutant General Erastus H. Williams to offer the assistance of Company "F" to police the municipal airport when the Arctic patrol reached Kalispell. If the squadron had arrived as per schedule we would have had a big job in handling the thousands of people that would have been at the airport to greet the fliers. Only four planes reached Kalispell and they were several days late.

Lieutenant Jordet is again able to be at his usual duties after a few days of the flu.

Nothing exciting to report about Lieutenant Metcalf. He has been behaving himself unusually well—for a bachelor.

Our genial supply sergeant, Frank Beaver, visited his old home town and reports having had "a wonderful time." He was single when he left and came back the same way. Better luck next time, Frank.

Sergeant Cecil Chrisinger resigned from the Flathead Commercial Co. and accepted a position with the Kossoff candy store.

Corporal George Noffsinger is again with us after having spent the summer and fall with the Park Saddle Horse Co. in Glacier Park.

Mayor Imholt of Columbia Falls was in town the other day and sends his best regards to the boys of Co. "F." Mayor Imholt says the people of his town have not forgotten the cooperation of this company during the fire season. Call again, Mayor.

The entire company, sixty strong, were the guests of Captain Anderson at the second show at the Liberty theatre, after drill January 27. The musical comedy "Married in Hollywood" was enjoyed by all.

So far this year nineteen drills have been held and from now on two drills will be held every week in order to get old "F" in first class shape for inspection.

COMPANY E NEWS CULBERTSON, MONTANA

PVT. E. J. ERICKSON, Reporter

This company is organized with Company Headquarters and First Platoon, consisting of thirty-six men under First Lieutenant L. W. Moen, at Culbertson, and the Second Platoon, consisting of thirty-two men, under Second Lieutenant J. R. Burgess, at Wolf Point.

Lieutenant Burgess is a new man to the 163rd Infantry, having been appointed recently to fill the vacancy due to the promotion of Lieutenant Moen to first lieutenant. Lieutenant Moen's promotion was necessitated by the transfer of Lieutenant James Forsyth to the Reserve. Lieutenant Forsyth has been a member of the 163rd since March, 1922; he has been in attendance at all camps held by the 163rd since its reorganization; and during his service with the organization he has made many friends who will remember Lieutenant Forsyth as an efficient, capable and loyal National Guard officer.

Lieutenant Burgess, an ex-service man, holds a commission in the reserve. The lieutenant, with the able assistance of Sergeant Morris Listerud, also an ex-service man, is rapidly developing the Second Platoon into an organization that will give a creditable account of themselves at Federal inspection.

The training quarters of the First Platoon have been moved into the American Legion Hall, a building recently purchased by the Thomas Mann Post No. 81 of the American Legion, in Culbertson. The building is equipped with an indoor rifle range which is being utilized for firing during this period.

The men of the Second Platoon are familiarizing themselves with the calibre .30 rifle.

Best Wishes to the

163rd Infantry

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COMPANY B NEWS ITEMS POPLAR, MONTANA

The severe winter weather has somewhat dragged down our drill attendance the past month; however, Old Sol is now making his way north and will surely allow us better weather throughout the remaining winter days.

Last night's weekly drill was well attended. Fifty men answered roll call. After a period of fifteen minutes of calisthenics the company was divided into two platoons. The first platoon consisting of all old men were put through close order drills with the manual of arms with non-coms in charge. The recruit platoon was put in charge of Sergeant Youngman and two assistant non-coms who conducted the school for the recruits. The progress the recruits are now making is very satisfactory, all men doing their best to make old timers of themselves by inspection time.

The non-commissioned officers in charge of the recruiting are still on the job, bringing in two more desirable men last night and still another today. Sergeant Thompson has again re-enlisted, being with the company for seven years. Sergeant Standingbear just can't sit down but is still in pursuit of desirable recruits. He steps out to get them and he don't mean maybe. He has just brought in one more. We will soon have a waiting list if the good work keeps up.

Captain Perkins dropped in on us last night and gave us the once over; however, he could not keep his eyes off the recruit platoon. We must admit that these boys are always interesting. After the drill Captain Perkins gave the boys a short talk and gave also a number of helpful hints to the company.

Welcome to Poplar. Here he is, Sergeant J. B. Finley, who is now a full fledged Sioux, just moved to our town and has accepted the Reservation rights. He arrived in town via truck under severe weather conditions, temperature 36 degrees below zero. After two weeks of steady firing the sergeant has finally got his house warm.

Our company wishes to help the Regimental Journal and will do all they can to support the good work as we feel that the publication of same will create a whole lot of interest.

Yours respectfully,

YE EDITOR.

P. S.—Co. "B" received their pay checks last night for the past quarter. This was appreciated by all; tough winter, you

know. Mr. Company Clerk surely can reel out a payroll with an O. K. attached to same.

Visitors—Captain Chas. Perkins, Captain Scott Hart, Sergeant Finley.

HOWITZER COMPANY LIVINGSTON, MONTANA

Several members of the Howitzer Company were preparing to assist the sheriff and police force of Livingston in the search for two little girls lost in Livingston. However, before the members got started the little girls returned, having spent the night in a neighbor's garage.

The Howitzer Company is planning a public demonstration as soon as the new uniforms are received. It is planned to hold the demonstration some Sunday in the near future, date to be announced later.

While the officer personnel of the Howitzer Company remains the same, the non-commissioned officers have been changed. At present they are: First Sergeant, Mazel Van Orden; Sergeants, Joseph E. Swindlehurst, Stephen L. Stover, Walter Dewing and Clyde E. Kirby; Corporals, George Shadoan, Robert Barber, John M. Jackson, Roscoe J. Moran, Norman F. Tripp, Anthony L. Chamberlin.

The members of the Howitzer Company are working very hard with the hope of upholding their very satisfactory rating of last year. The non-coms are doing considerable studying in their spare hours. The cold weather of the past month has retarded the instruction of the 37 mm. gun and 3-inch mortar. However, they expect to do more work with them now as it is possible to heat the armory enough to handle the guns.

At present Sergeant Swindlehurst has all the "rookies" in shape to assign to squads and drilling with the other men.

3rd BN. HEADQUARTERS CO. BILLINGS, MONTANA

NEW UNIFORMS

Lt. Stewart conceived the idea and has made arrangements for the purchase of a specially constructed wooden box of the locker trunk type for the safe keeping of the new roll collar uniform. These uniforms will be hung on a hanger numbered to correspond with the men's locker number. This will do away with a possibility of mixing uniforms. Said locker box will be so constructed to make possible transportation with the company.

This arrangement will keep the new uniform in the best possible condition.

We have just enlisted two new young men, Privates Reimer and Hopkins, who appear very interested in our telephone section. They are neighbors and have constructed telephones in their respective homes over which they communicate daily.

We are expecting to have our rifle range fully completed and ready for operation by spring. The boys are expressing considerable anxiety over this as they all appear anxious to qualify with a rifle or pistol before camp.

We are furloughing out a few of our older men, who, while they have considerable experience, have business connections that interfere some with their drill attendance and we are substituting in their stead younger men with little or no experience but who appear greatly enthused with the chance of becoming proficient within the company. They express sincere desire to be able to attend all drills. In this connection we are sure that if we do not rank first within the regiment in drill attendance anyone who surpasses us will have to put forth a mighty effort.

We hope that you will establish a lost

and found column in your paper, then possibly Major Peterson can tell us where we can find a motorcycle.

JOKES

Private Bob Martin had just returned from his first evening of drill.

"What did you learn at drill today?" asked his ex-service father.

"I learned to say 'Yes, Sir,' and 'No, Sir'."

"You did?"

"Yeah."

ARMY ANAESTHETICS

Adjutant: "The prisoner seems to be drugged."

Non-Com: "Yes, sir; I drug him five blocks."

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

On December 18 we held a very successful dance towards raising a "mess fund" for our next encampment. This was our first attempt at this sort of thing and we were so delighted with the result that we plan to try it again in the spring. A prize offered by Lt. Stewart for the sale of the most tickets was won by 1st Class Private Geo. W. Farr. Farr, who sold 35 tickets, was closely contested by several of the boys who, organized in groups of

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two and in full uniform, solicited the business district.

ACTIVITIES OF INDIVIDUALS

Sgt. Iverson, our Radio Sgt., has installed a system of radio code work that has all the assurance of being not only practical and very beneficial in getting results in group work but also real interesting in operation. This system consists of a two-board arrangement with keys, and headphones on each board with the connecting wires of sufficient length to do away with the possibility of guess work. This idea was taken from a teaching system on which Sgt. Iverson was instructed at the Chicago Telegraph Institute. The Sgt. calls his arrangement a portable telegraph table.

Sgt. Spencer, who handles telephone instruction for our company, has been instrumental in getting all of our telephones in first class working order. This, with the splendid cooperation of our local Mountain States Tel. and Tel. Co., in the way of donations and assistance, has placed us in a position to get some good results out of this section.

Lt. Hill has arranged to conduct some special classes in preparation for the coming inspection. These classes will be held on days other than that of drill and non-commission school.

The advice and assistance of Sgt. Doom, sgt. instructor located in Billings, has proved very valuable and the commissioned, non-commissioned, and enlisted men of the company want to thank him for his help.

Lt. Stewart has accepted the position of instructor for the newly organized drill team for the American Legion Auxiliary. Here's wishing him luck—he'll need it!

PREPARATION FOR INSPECTION

We have just completed rearranging and enlarging our supply room so that we may

properly display equipment for inspection. While doing this work it was also found necessary to completely dustproof this room. All of this was done with very little additional expense to the company as all the boys pitched in with considerable enthusiasm.

Sgt. Larson did some very meritorious service in spending several evenings in fixing the necessary iron bars over our lockers and windows.

COMPANY "G," GLASGOW, MONTANA

JOS. L. MARTINKOSKI, Correspondent

Private Martinkoski, correspondent for Co. "G" items, recently enlisted in Co. "G" and because of his experience in newspaper work was selected as correspondent. His first experience in the newspaper business was as "printer's devil" at the Glasgow Democrat under his able editor, Dan McGovern. This was six years ago and for the last four years he has been on the staff of the Glasgow Courier, the leading newspaper of north-eastern Montana. The Glasgow high school edited a school paper and on its staff Martinkoski in 1927-28 was manager and correspondent, also being business editor of the annual for 1928-29. This year he was promoted to editor of the Glasgow Roundup. With a few months' experience on the regimental newspaper he will no doubt put Co. "G" on the map.

Co. "G" commenced its armory drill training in September. During the months of October and November drills were held on Tuesday and Thursday nights. For the quarter ending December 31 it had credit for 20 drills, which made a very attractive pay day for the boys. It amounted to \$1,429.60. The attendance at drill for this company has been very good considering the fact that practically every member has been afflicted with the mumps at some time during the past three months.

Sergeant Birmingham left the first of the year for Bozeman to enter college and also has enrolled in the R. O. T. C.

Corporal St. Clair, who has been a student at Bozeman since September, was called home due to the illness of his father and has discontinued his school work for at least one quarter.

The armory has been equipped with gas heaters and completely remodeled during the past year.

On January 13 Co. "G" furnished guards for the refueling of the Arctic Patrol

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and received considerable experience in ground work. They also gained considerable knowledge in aiding planes to make a getaway under severe conditions. They were on duty from 10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.

Elmer D. Olson of Co. "G" was transferred to the second platoon at Wolf Point, Montana, on December 3, 1929.

Co. "G" is very proud of its members who composed the high school football team of 1929 and who successfully were named champions of the northern district. Co. "G" feels very proud of their achievements and wishes to express its appreciation through these columns for their excellent showing and remarkable teamwork.

Recent promotions: Dwight C. Ford to the grade of sergeant. Sergeant Ford first enlisted when Co. "G" was organized, March 31, 1923. He has been assigned as special recruit instructor for the company. At this time it has a class of 12 men.

During the illness of First Sergeant Hammerness Sergeant Gamas acted in his place.

First Class Private Pat Stevens has been assigned as instructor of the automatic rifle squad.

Sergeant Friedl has been quite busy the past six weeks issuing the new uniforms.

Sergeant W. A. Baynham, Co. "G's" famous chef, served a nice lunch to the boys after the drill period of December 23.

When any of the boys drop their rifles or anything out of the ordinary occurs they are required to run the gauntlet. Recently this formation has not been noticed. However, the recruits generally receive their first initiation, much to their astonishment.

Co. "G" has a number of vacancies in the grade of corporal. It has at the present time a class of privates first class who are preparing for the vacancies.

GUARD RECOGNIZED BY AUTHORITIES

The new and improved attitude of the National Government toward the National Guard and its definite recognition as a unit of the first line of defense, was in a great measure induced by the splendid achievements of all of the National Guard Divisions during the World War. While the National Defense Act, under the pro-

We shall be pleased to have the officers and men of the 163rd Infantry make this hotel their headquarters on their visits to Helena.

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visions of which the National Guard of today is organized, was enacted in 1916, the now universally recognized advantage of this force was most effectively demonstrated to the people of the United States in 1917 and 1918. The National Guard had proved its worth.

In an address made by Colonel C. B. Robbins, Assistant Secretary of War, to the Woman's Patriotic Conference in Washington, this statement was made by him:

"The Regular Army and the National Guard are the shock troops which will sustain the first blow of an invasion of our nation. It is futile, however, to believe that any force, however well organized, equipped and trained, of the size of our Regular Army and National Guard, would be sufficient for the defense of our nation in event of a major emergency such as occurred in 1917. We must again call upon the great body of our citizens, in millions, to come to its defense." * * * *

In his annual report, the Secretary of War says of the National Guard:

"The National Guard has attained the highest plane of military effectiveness in the peace-time history of this element of our national defense forces. The National Guard now is more highly organized, more completely equipped, and more thoroughly trained than at any period in the past; its standards have never been higher. * * * The National Guard has reached a most desirable point of stabilization. The aggregate strength on June 30, 1928, was 181,221, as compared with 177,428 on the same date four years ago. Expansion, therefore, has been slight. But internal development has been steady and well rounded. Policies of proven worth have been established for the future. As a result the National Guard today stands as a well-balanced, well-equipped, and basically well-trained force. It is capable of meeting any demands which may be made upon it within the various states. Furthermore, it is prepared to take its place in the front line of defense in any minor emergency necessitating the early employment of troops in excess of the Regular Army, or to mobilize and train its own recruits for an emergency demanding the exercise of the full man-power of the nation. Our National Guard is built on a solid base. We may have every confidence in its future."

Obviously, the National Guard must be a "thorn in the flesh" of the organized professional pacifists, who, according to Senator Daniel F. Steck of Iowa, spend \$3,000,000 annually in bombarding Congress with protests against "everything American."

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by them and all of their propaganda is regarded with the tolerant attitude characteristic of the American people. No one can ever, by any argument of pacifism, destroy their recognition of existing conditions.

A statement made by the Reverend Dr. Clinton Wunder, a noted clergyman, may be said to express the views of the great majority of the citizens of the Nation:

"So long as we have the spirit in human breasts that gives us a lawless Chicago and a lawless New York, so long will those who desire peace have to establish a strong arm to maintain it."

ARMY FLIERS ATTEND DRILL

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have been highly developed. These branches are designated as pursuit, bombardment, observation and attack. He explained how each functioned with respect to the others.

Sgt. Lovvorn, mechanic, told of the function of a mechanic in the air service, which, he said, is to keep the army plane ready to fly and keep flying.

Sgt. Rose, only member of the group who had made a parachute jump, told of the sensations experienced and of the manner in which a parachute is released as the jump is made to open its folds and set the jumper down on the earth. The group had parachutes and their other flying equipment, including heavy leather coats, gloves, shoes and face masks, at the armory for inspection by the Guardsmen, who were greatly interested in the equipment.

Lt. French, whose home is in Missoula and who is in command of the army transport, spoke of the reason for the flight of the squadron of twenty army planes from Selfridge field, Michigan, to Spokane at this season. The object of the war department in ordering the flight was to test the planes used in the service under the cold weather conditions that have been encountered by the flight with more or less success. Some of the planes experienced trouble almost at the outset of the flight. He told of some of the experiences which had detained some of the planes and strung the flight squadron across the country to Great Falls, his command bringing up the tail end as a result of difficulty in taking off after landing on account of not being able to get up sufficient speed with the runners with which the ship is equipped to rise from the ground.

Captain Setter and the Guardsmen were glad to have the honor of entertaining the army fliers. Lunch was served at the conclusion of the evening's program.

Historical Sketches of Past Organizations

(Editor's Note)—These historical sketches will be confined in subject matter entirely to the history of organized military activity of the citizen soldiery of the Territory and State of Montana. It is hoped that they will serve to give the personnel of the 163rd Infantry a better conception of the history of the regiment, since the present splendid organization represents the culmination of growth of the small earlier establishments.)

The story of the organized military activity of the citizen soldiery of the Territory of Montana, in common with all of the activities of the early days, is a story of the indomitable courage, the inflexible will, of the frontiersman. Obstacles only served to strengthen the granite wall of determination of the pioneer.

The citizen soldiery originally developed to fill an urgent need of the moment. The broad expanse of country, mostly uninhabited in the early days, made it impossible for the Federal Government to effectively police and protect the inhabited portions. These sections, because of their unparalleled richness, grew into settlements that offered tempting bait to the

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marauding savages, bands of which roamed freely, the regular army not being numerically strong enough to keep them within the confines of the territory allotted to them by the Government.

Organized citizen soldier activity may be said to have first taken place in the Territory of Montana in the summer of 1877. It is true that one organized company of Montana Militia was in existence in Virginia City in 1876, this community being at that time the seat of the Territorial Government. However, in so far as actual conditions in 1876 are indicated in the historical sources, the Virginia City organization was not one of expressed, or at least realized necessity at the time.

In the year 1877 occurred what is known as the Idaho Indian wars. While other tribes took part in this uprising, the Nez Percés were the leaders and the warriors were under the able leadership of Chief Joseph. The forays conducted by Joseph, which resulted in several small massacres in Idaho territory, were, many authorities believe, the culmination of a feeling of dissatisfaction created among the Idaho tribes at the time a treaty was forced upon them by Governor I. I. Stevens in 1857, when Idaho was still a part of Washington Territory. Governor Stevens at that time refused to recognize and deal with the hereditary chief of this tribe and elevated an Indian called Lawyer to chieftainship and dealt with him in apparent violation of tribal customs. This new chief created by the edict of the Governor of Washington Territory was a cunning and tractable Indian, but one who never was really accepted by the tribe and exercised no control whatever over its members.

The campaign to control Joseph and his band of warriors in Idaho was under the command of Brigadier General O. O. Howard, and he was being continually outmaneuvered and outgeneraled by Joseph, who in sheer tactical ability was surpassed by no other Indian chief of history unless it be Sitting Bull of the Sioux. Carrying with him about 150 women and children of his tribe, he nevertheless managed to keep out of reach of Howard except on one or two occasions when small detachments which he easily defeated caught up with him.

Joseph's avowed intent was to cross into Montana Territory and get into the buffalo country of this section. Naturally, this statement made by Joseph and conveyed to the communities in this section was not one calculated to contribute to the feeling of safety of the inhabitants. Friendly Indians brought the news that Joseph intended to enter Montana by the Lolo Trail, making Missoula the first community definitely threatened.

Inasmuch as the Federal troops stationed in the Territory of Montana at the time numbered less than 100, Joseph's

force of from 400 to 500 warriors, splendidly equipped, disciplined and efficient, constituted a real menace to the people of the western part of the Territory. There also appeared to be a possibility that some of the Flatheads might join with Joseph, or that if he managed to get through into the central portion of the Territory, Sitting Bull and he might effect a joining of forces.

This situation was also causing concern to the Federal Government as is evidenced by telegrams sent by the commander of the Western Department and other prominent army leaders to Territorial Governor Potts, requesting his aid in stopping the advance of Joseph. Governor Potts was invested with the title of Commander-in-Chief of the Militia of the Territory, but there was no organization and none had been authorized by any Territorial Act up to that time. Governor Potts on receipt of the appeals for assistance from the Territory, made by the Army officers, sought authorization from the Federal Government for the organization of Militia to meet the emergency, but was unsuccessful in his attempts.

Governor Potts realized the quandary in which he was placed and realized also that the necessity to make some definite preparations for the protection of the people of the Territory was mandatory. He therefore issued a proclamation, calling attention to the menacing conditions and requesting volunteers. Every effort was promised by him to secure payment, not only for the services of the volunteers, but also for such equipment, subsistence, etc., as would be incurred by the organization of volunteer units. This proclamation was issued on June 26, 1877.

On June 29th, it was definitely learned that Joseph and his band were moving towards Missoula through the Lolo pass and on the following day companies of Militia were organized at Missoula and Stevensville. Deer Lodge, Philipsburg, Helena, Virginia City and Pony followed their example immediately and a battalion of three companies was organized in Butte under the command of W. A. Clark. Many other communities in the Territory contributed quotas of fighting men. Properly equipped and with sufficient time to complete their organizations and training as units, there can be no question that the force raised among the hardy pioneers of the period would have constituted a force capable of coping with odds of any degree.

The frantic calls for assistance from the menaced community of Missoula were answered by all of the other localities of this section of the Territory. As fast as arms of any description could be secured by the volunteers, particularly of Deer Lodge, they hurried to Missoula as groups and even as individuals.

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